

Regular Session, 2005

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 19

BY SENATOR MARIONNEAUX

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences upon the death of Sergeant Michael S. Evans II.

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana to the family of United States Army National Guard Sergeant Michael S. Evans II, upon his death in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

WHEREAS, it is with the deepest regret and most profound sorrow that the Senate has learned of the tragic death in combat of Sergeant Michael S. Evans; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Evans was a native of Marrero and enlisted in the National Guard after high school while still a teenager, following the military tradition of the other men in his family and serving his country in the armed services, just as his father, a 17-year Navy veteran, and his older brother, Davin, a Staff Sergeant in the Army's 540th Quartermaster Battalion; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Evans was a member of B Company, 1088th Engineer Battalion, 256th Infantry Brigade Combat Team when his unit was deployed to the Iraqi Theater of Operations, but he went proudly, having already volunteered for duty in both Afghanistan and Iraq; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Evans' mother, Wynette, said her son was determined to serve in the military after the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon on September 11, 2001, feeling a strong calling to help his country fight terrorism around the

1 world in order to make America a safer and more secure land; and

2 WHEREAS, Sergeant Evans loved his wife, family, and friends and missed them
3 dearly during his Iraqi tour of duty, and he thought often about the child his wife carried,
4 telling her that he would return home soon to take care of her and their baby when his
5 mission was over; and

6 WHEREAS, Sergeant Evans was only 22 years old when he was sent on a mounted
7 patrol on January 28, 2005, in the dangerous western section of Baghdad on a routine
8 mission of searching out terrorist forces suspected of operating in the tactical area of
9 operations of his unit; and

10 WHEREAS, Sergeant Evans and two of his fellow soldiers were mortally wounded
11 when they were attacked by an enemy force detonating an improvised explosive device near
12 the vehicle in which they were riding; and

13 WHEREAS, the loss of Sergeant Evans and his comrades was almost more than his
14 family and friends could endure and their ultimate sacrifice for their country made citizens
15 in their communities and around the state rally in support of the National Guard's gallant
16 efforts in the war on terror and the liberation of Iraq; and

17 WHEREAS, Sergeant Evans will forever be remembered by his family, friends, and
18 fellow soldiers as a truly dedicated soldier and his sacrifice serves as a reminder that
19 freedom is never free and sometimes Americans have to fight to protect the freedoms and
20 liberties its citizens enjoy.

21 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
22 does hereby express a profound sense of loss and sends its heartfelt condolences from a
23 grateful state and nation to the family of United States Army National Guard Sergeant
24 Michael S. Evans II, for fighting America's enemies in such a faraway land.

25 THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be
26 transmitted to the wife, Melissa, and parents, Michael and Wynette, of Sergeant Michael S.
27 Evans II.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Heyward Jeffers.

DIGEST

Expresses condolences upon the death of U.S. Army National Guard Sergeant Michael S. Evans II.